

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

By this Amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-8 have been amended for clarity of expression and as discussed in detail below. Claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 8 has also been rewritten to more clearly recite its being drawn to a computer readable medium. Thus, Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are pending.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC §103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,598,167 to Devine et al. (“*Devine*”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,510,464 to Grantges et al. (“*Grantges*”).

Without acceding to the rejection, Claims 1 and 6-8 have been amended to more particularly recite certain distinctive features of Applicants’ invention. In particular, Claims 1 and 8 now recite, *inter alia*, communicating to a server machine a certificate, inserting the certificate into a cookie header, wherein the cookie header includes a plurality of cookies. Claim 6 now recites, *inter alia*, a security machine which secures exchanges between a client machine and a server machine of a computer system, the security machine comprising an analyzer which enables the transmission of a certificate inserted into a cookie header of an HTTP or equivalent request, wherein said cookie header includes a plurality of cookies. Claim 7 now recites, *inter alia*, a security module that comprises an analyzing program which enables transmission of a certificate sent by the client machine in a cookie header of a request in a stateless protocol, wherein said cookie header includes a plurality of cookies. Support for these features is described, for example, in paragraph [0025] of Applicants’ specification.

It is apparent that neither *Devine* nor *Grantges*, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the above-described features of Claims 1 and 6-8. For example, *Devine* discloses a cookie jar server 32 that “generate[s] a ‘cookie’ or session identifier which is a unique server-generated key that is sent to the client along with each reply to a HTTPS request.” See *Devine*, col. 8, lines 44-60. *Devine* also discloses that the cookie jar goes through its stored list of cookies, identifies the cookie for the session, and returns the cookie to the Web server. See *Devine*, col. 19, lines 24-33. *Grantges*, for its part, discloses several cookies created by a gateway proxy server: an authentication cookie, an applications list cookie, and a selected-application cookie. See *Granges*, col. 9, ln. 54-56; Fig. 4A. However, lists of cookies and individual cookies, as disclosed by *Device* and *Grantges*, respectively, do not constitute *a cookie header* with a plurality of cookies as recited in Claims 1 and 6-8.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 6-8 distinguish patentably from the applied references. Claims 2-4 are also believed to be patentable due to their dependence from Claim 1 as well as for the additional features recited in Claims 2-4.

A prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

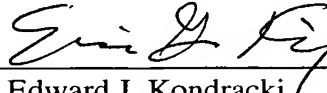
Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-907679) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is

required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested,  
such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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